



# Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for Oct 10-Oct 16

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## Fall Planting Still Behind Normal

The rainfall from the previous week continued to benefit producers as many were able to plant small grains and canola. Wheat and other crops planted in dry ground emerged after the beneficial rainfall with about a third of wheat, canola and rye reported as emerged by the end of the week. This is well behind our normal emergence for this time of the year, but a welcome sight nonetheless. Light rain amounting to only 0.2 of an inch for the state was received for the week. The latest US Drought Monitor showed improvement from exceptional to extreme drought for the I-35 corridor where the highest rainfall totals were received the week before. The entire state was still in a severe to exceptional drought. Recent rainfall was soaked up by thirsty soils leaving little runoff for stock ponds, which were critically low in most of the state. Topsoil moisture conditions continued to improve with 35 percent now rated adequate and only 28 percent rated very short, compared to 52 percent the week before. Subsoil moisture conditions showed improvement from very short to short, with 69 percent rated very short, down from 78 percent the previous week. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work.

**Small Grains:** Planting of small grains and canola continued, though all activities were behind normal. Seedbed preparation for **wheat** ground was 94 percent complete by week's end and planting reached 63 percent complete, up 16 points from the previous week, but still 12 points behind normal. Wheat emerged was 32 percent complete, 19 points behind the five-year average. **Canola** seedbed preparation was virtually complete by the end of the week, while planting reached 81 percent complete. Thirty-five percent of canola had emerged by Sunday, 17 points behind last year. Seedbed preparation for **rye** was 94 percent complete, and planting reached 64 percent complete by Sunday, 29 points behind normal. Thirty-eight percent of rye had emerged by the end of the week, 36 points behind the five-year average. Seedbed preparation for **oat** ground was 68 percent complete. Oat planting reached 27 percent complete by the end of the week, and nine percent had emerged, 11 points behind normal.

**Row Crops:** Most row crops continued to be rated poor to very poor, while peanut conditions continued to be rated mostly from good to fair. The **corn** harvest was 90 percent complete by week's end. **Sorghum** coloring was 87 percent complete, 13 points behind the previous year. Sixty-one percent of sorghum had matured, and 32 percent was harvested by Sunday. **Soybeans** setting pods reached 94 percent complete, and 40 percent were mature by week's end, 22 points behind the five-year average. Only 13 percent of soybeans had been harvested, 17 points behind normal. Sixty-three percent of **peanuts** had matured by Sunday and 12 percent were dug, 33 points behind the five-year average. **Cotton** plants opening bolls reached 80 percent complete by week's end, 14 points behind normal.

**Hay:** Very little hay was cut over the last week. Third cuttings of **alfalfa** were 56 percent complete, and only seven percent of the state had completed a fourth cutting, compared to a five-year average of 99 percent. A second cutting of **other hay** reached 55 percent complete by Sunday, 27 points behind normal

**Pasture and Livestock:** Livestock conditions continued to be rated mostly fair to poor and pasture and range was still mostly very poor. Limited hay supplies and low pond levels were ongoing concerns for livestock operators. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$137 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$127 per cwt.

### Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2011

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	28	52	24
Short	36	25	47
Adequate	35	22	29
Surplus	1	1	0
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	69	78	25
Short	23	14	44
Adequate	7	8	31
Surplus	1	0	0

### Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2011

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	55	34	10	1	0
Soybeans	45	28	25	2	0
Peanuts	8	16	45	30	1
Cotton	79	16	4	1	0
Alfalfa	56	28	13	3	0
Other Hay	67	21	11	1	0
Livestock	15	26	43	16	0
Pasture and Range	66	23	10	1	0

<b>Crop Progress by Percent</b> <i>For Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2011</i>					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
<b>Wheat</b>	Seedbed Prepared	94	86	99	99
	Planted	63	47	76	75
	Emerged	32	14	49	51
<b>Canola</b>	Seedbed Prepared	98	94	N/A	N/A
	Planted	81	67	84	N/A
	Emerged	35	8	52	N/A
<b>Rye</b>	Seedbed Prepared	94	83	100	100
	Planted	64	46	94	93
	Emerged	38	20	69	74
<b>Oats</b>	Seedbed Prepared	68	68	79	80
	Planted	27	18	31	39
	Emerged	9	N/A	14	20
<b>Corn</b>	Harvested	90	81	97	88
<b>Sorghum</b>	Coloring	87	79	100	94
	Mature	61	51	89	62
	Harvested	32	30	47	34
<b>Soybeans</b>	Setting Pods	94	89	100	100
	Mature	40	34	67	62
	Harvested	13	8	35	30
<b>Peanuts</b>	Mature	63	54	92	87
	Dug	12	N/A	63	45
<b>Cotton</b>	Bolls Opening	80	66	100	94
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>	3rd Cutting	56	54	100	100
	4th Cutting	7	6	100	99
<b>Other Hay</b>	2nd Cutting	55	52	89	82

#### Weather for Week Ending October 16, 2011:

Temperatures ranged from 35 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, October 13th, to 93 degrees at Hollis on Sunday, October 16th. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 of an inch in the Panhandle district to 0.47 of an inch in the East Central district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 58 degrees at Freedom and Slapout to 77 degrees at Hugo, on Monday, October 10th.

<b>Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data</b> <i>Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2011</i>							
District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	Sep 1, 2011 to Oct 16, 2011		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	76	45	60	0.01	1.73	-0.93	65
West Central	78	52	64	0.19	3.04	-1.31	70
Southwest	80	53	66	0.29	3.71	-1.22	75
North Central	76	50	63	0.02	3.86	-0.64	86
Central	80	53	66	0.19	4.72	-1.28	79
South Central	82	54	67	0.06	3.78	-2.75	58
Northeast	80	51	65	0.32	3.41	-3.25	51
East Central	80	54	66	0.47	3.40	-3.76	47
Southeast	84	53	68	0.27	1.66	-5.47	23

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